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07/824,964 filed January 24, 1992 (now abandoned) and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/006,311 filed January 19, 1993 (now abandoned), the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 56-83 and add new claims 84-99 as follows:

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84. (NEW) A locking system, comprising:  
a portable electronic computer having an external wall defining a security slot;  
a housing including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion provided with a locking member having a peripheral profile complementary to preselected dimensions of said security slot which thereby permits said locking member to extend into said security slot,  
said slot engagement member being rotatable between an unlocked position wherein said locking member is removable from said security slot, and a locked position wherein said locking member is retained within said security slot;  
a pin cooperatively coupled to said slot engagement member after said slot engagement member is in said locked position to thereby inhibit rotation of said slot engagement member to said unlocked position;  
cable attachment means, coupled to said housing, for attaching a cable to said housing; and  
a cable, coupled to said cable attachment means, for securing said portable electronic computer to an object other than to said housing.

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85. (NEW) The system of claim 1 wherein said pin includes a first threaded portion, complementary to a second threaded portion in an aperture in said housing.

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86. (NEW) The system of claim 1 wherein said pin cooperates by extending into said security slot.

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81. (NEW) The system of claim 1 wherein a first side of said housing abuts  
said external wall, and

wherein said housing includes a cavity and a second side opposite said first side  
that is open to access said cavity wherein said pin is insertable through said second side  
and into said cavity to cooperate with said slot engagement member to inhibit said  
rotation.

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88. (NEW) The system of claim 4 wherein said pin includes a first threaded  
portion complementary to a second threaded portion in an aperture in said first side of  
said housing.

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89. (NEW) The system of claim 1 wherein said housing includes sidewalls  
orthogonal to said first side wherein said sidewalls include opposing apertures to permit  
said cable to extend therethrough after cooperation of said pin with said slot  
engagement member to inhibit removal of said pin from said security slot.

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90. (NEW) The system of claim 4 further comprising a locking structure  
adapted for insertion into said cavity, said locking structure incorporating said pin at a  
first end such that insertion of said locking structure into said cavity cooperates said pin  
with said slot engagement member through an aperture in said first side.

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91. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said housing includes  
sidewalls orthogonal to said first side wherein said sidewalls include apertures and a  
second end of said spindle includes a transverse aperture collinear with said  
opposing apertures in said sidewalls, said opposing apertures and said transverse  
apertures permitting said cable to extend therethrough after cooperation of said pin with  
said slot engagement member to inhibit uncooperation of said pin and said slot  
engagement member.

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92. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said preselected dimensions  
are about three millimeters by about seven millimeters.

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93. (NEW) A locking system, comprising:  
a portable electronic device including an exterior wall defining a security slot;  
location fixing means for attaching to a first object other than to the portable  
electronic device;  
a housing, coupled to said location fixing means and proximate to said  
electronic device and including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging  
portion provided with a locking member having a peripheral profile complementary to  
preselected dimensions of said security slot to thereby permit said locking member to  
extend into said slot, said slot engagement member being rotatable between an  
unlocked position wherein said locking member is removable from the slot, and a  
locked position wherein  
locking member is retained within the slot; and  
a pin, coupled to said slot engagement member, for cooperating with said slot  
engagement member when said slot engagement member is in said locked position to  
thereby inhibit rotation of said slot engagement member to said unlocked position.

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94. (NEW) The system of claim 10 wherein said preselected dimensions are  
about three millimeters by about seven millimeters.

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95. (NEW) The system of claim 1 wherein said locking member is "T-  
shaped."

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96. (NEW) The system of claim 10 wherein said locking member is "T-  
shaped."

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97. (NEW) The system of claim 10 wherein said pin cooperates by extending  
into said security slot.

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98. (NEW) A cable attachment system, comprising:  
a portable computer including an exterior wall provided with a security slot  
having dimensions of about three millimeters by about seven millimeters;

4 a locking structure, coupled to said cable, for attaching to said security slot, said  
5 locking structure comprising:

6 a housing, adapted to abut said wall adjacent said security slot,  
7 said housing including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging  
8 portion provided with a locking member having a peripheral profile complementary to  
9 said security slot to permit said locking member to extend into said security slot, said  
10 slot engagement member being rotatable between an unlocked position wherein said  
11 locking member is removable from said security slot, and a locked position wherein  
12 said locking member is retained within said security slot; and

13 a pin coupled through said housing adjacent to said slot engagement member  
14 and cooperating with said slot engagement member after said slot engagement member  
15 is in said locked position to thereby inhibit rotation of said slot engagement member to  
16 said unlocked position; and

17 a cable for securing said portable computer to an object other than to said  
18 housing.

19 99. (NEW) An attachment method, comprising:

20 abutting a housing proximate to a security slot defined in a wall of a portable  
21 electronic device, said housing including a slot engagement member having a slot  
22 engaging portion provided with a locking member having a peripheral profile  
23 complementary to preselected dimensions of said security slot to thereby permit said  
24 locking member to extend into said slot,

25 said slot engagement member being rotatable between an unlocked position  
26 wherein said locking member is removable from the slot, and a locked position wherein  
27 said locking member is retained with the slot;

28 extending said locking member into said security slot when said slot  
29 engagement member is in said unlocked position;

30 rotating said slot engagement member into said locked position while said  
31 locking member is in said security slot; and

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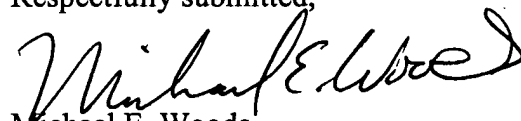
coupling a pin with said slot engagement member after said slot engagement member is in said locked position to thereby inhibit rotation of said slot engagement member to said unlocked position.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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